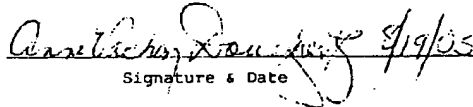


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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 19, 2005 for the above-identified patent application, Applicants submit a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and the following:

**Amendments to the Claims** as set forth in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2; and

**Remarks/Arguments** which begin on page 8.

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